GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF AIRPORTS IN MAHARASHTRA
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether various political organisations and public representatives of Maharashtra have requested the Union Government for setting up of some more airports in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c) :- Yes, Sir. The State Government ofMaharashtra is considering proposals for construction of new international airport at Navi Mumbai to meet the long term requirements. The State Government has been asked to complete the proposed technical/traffic studies and then send a formal proposal for the consideration of the Government. The State Government of Maharashtra has also requested for technical feasibility study for construction of an airport at Shirdi in District Ahmednagar of Maharashtra. The site identified by the State Government was found suitable for construction of airport designed for operation of 50 seater aircraft. The State Government was advised for acquisition of land and also for obtaining No Objection Certificate from Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Environment and Forest. State Government has not intimated further progress on the subject. However, Airports Authority of India has no proposals to set up new airports in the State of Maharashtra.